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1. SUMMARY: SOMEWHAT IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE ON KOREAN ISSUE FOLLOWING DMZ INCIDENT AND NON-ALIGNED MEETING NOT YET MATCHED BY INDONESIAN WILLINGNESS DEPART FROM STRADDLE POLICY AT UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS WHO ARE ON DELEGATION AT COLOMBO AND WITH KOREAN AMBASSADOR LEE, IT IS CLEAR GENERAL ATMOSPHERE ON KOREAN ISSUE HAS, FROM OUR STANDPOINT, IMPROVED.

3. BOTH AMBASSADOR DARUSMAN, DG POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND GENERAL ADENAN, DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, TOLD ME THEY FOUND COLOMBO MEETING DISTURBING AND UNPLEASANT. ALTHOUGH INDONESIA
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ENTERED WRITTEN RESERVATION ON NORTH KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION

TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES, CONFERENCE IN GENERAL WAS NOT PREPARED TO LISTEN TO RATIONAL ARGUMENTS. NORTH KOREANS UTILIZED FERVOR OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT PORTUGUESE AFRICANS TO FORCE THROUGH CONSENSUS AND RESTRICT DEBATE.

4. AMBASSADOR LEE HAS TOLD ME HE FOUND HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN DEPARTMENT PEOPLE EASIER SINCE COLOMBO. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK EXPRESSED TO HIM HIS REVULSION AT KILLINGS IN DMZ AND GENERAL ADENAN ECHOED HIS DISTASTE FOR NORTH KOREAN PRESSURES. AMBASSADOR LEE WAS ABLE TO GET INDONESIAN TELEVISION TO BROADCAST FILM OF DMZIINCIDENT AT PRIME TIME AUGUST 28. WHEN NORTH KOREANS PROTESTED TO GENERAL ADENAN HE REPORTEDLY SAID FACTS WERE INCONTROVERTIBLE; NAMELY THAT TWO AMERICANS WERE KILLED, THAT KILLING TOOK PLACE IN DMZ, THAT AMERICANS WERE ONLY TRIMMING TREE, AND THAT KILLINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BRUTALLY BY NORTH KOREANS. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WITHDREW FROM INTERVIEW WITHOUT FURTHER WORD.

5. IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK SEPT. 1, I HELD FAINT HOPE THAT HE MIGHT AGREE, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, TO MORE FORTHRIGHT POSITION IN UNGA. TO MY REQUEST THAT INDONESIA COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, HE REPLIED THAT INDONESIA CLEARLY ON SOUTH KOREAN SIDE BUT MEMBERSHIP ON NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE MAKES SUCH ACTION DIFFICULT. INDONESIA WILL CLEARLY SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION. MY ARGUMENT THAT SUFFICIENT COSPONSORS MIGHT DISCOURAGE OPPOSITION AND LEAD TO DEFERMENT OF KOREAN ISSUE WAS NOT PERSUASIVE WITH MALIK.

6. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, INDONESIA WOULD OPPOSE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, HE SAID DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE. HIS CURRENT THINKING IS FOR INDONESIA TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE INCLUSION OF SOUTH KOREA IN ANY DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO MALIK, NORTH KOREA ALMOST CERTAIN TO TURN THIS DOWN WHICH WOULD THEN GIVE INDONESIA BASIS FOR VOTING NO.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON ASEAN ATTITUDES, MALIK SAID ASEAN COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO WORK TOGETHER AND WOULD PROBABLY
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FOLLOW COURSE HE HAD OUTLINED TO ME.

8. COMMENT: I DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FEEL FOR UNGA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES TO JUDGE WHETHER MALIK TACTIC OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NORTH KOREA RESOLUTION HAS ANY MERIT. IF IT DOES NOT, I BELIEVE I SHOULD POINT OUT PITFALLS AT EARLY DATE BEFORE IDEA GATHERS STEAM. WE MAY YET GET INDONESIA TO OPPOSE NORTH KOREA MORE PUBLICLY BUT TO CO-

SPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IS OBVIOUSLY TOO MUCH FOR
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